

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are cancelled.

Claims 16-27 are pending in the application.

As requested by the Examiner in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant has listed the entire amendments to the claims including cancelled claims 1-15 with status identifiers. The amendments are the same as those submitted on August 9, 2004 but now include claims 1-15 with status identifiers. No new matter has been added.

Applicant requests that Examiner refer to the remarks sent on August 9, 2004 with the non-compliant amendment. The remarks provide an explanation of current amendments and proof of sufficient basis to invoke the interference.

Since there are no other grounds of objection or rejection, passage of this application to issue with claims 16-27 is earnestly solicited. Upon being found allowable, the PTO is respectfully requested to declare an interference between the present application and Raspanti '973.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Stevenson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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